

State Advisory Group (Juvenile Council)
staffed by the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2016
Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
100 Community Place
1st Floor Conference Room, Side B
Crownsville, MD 21032
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Participating Members:

Ron Rivlin, Chair
Michelle Becote-Jackson, Vice Chair
Heather Chapman
Anne-Marie Hansen-Combs
Lynn Davis
Donald Foley
Musa Hammett
Lynette Holmes for Secretary Abed (phone)
Tara Jackson
Rob Johnson
Liz Park
Janelle Riddick (phone)
Melanie Shapiro
Judge Michael Stamm (phone)
Darren Stephenson

Guests:

Patrice Foley, Parent
Marie Williams, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Staff:

Jessica Wheeler, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Bill Harper, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Shanelle Johnson, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Quentin Jones, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

I. Welcome, Introductions, and Chair's Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

Tara Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Davis seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

III. Subcommittee Reports

a. Grant Monitoring

The subcommittee met in August and agreed to the following schedule for site visits in FY 17:

October 5, 2016

Carroll County Youth Services Bureau's Adventure Diversion Program

October/November 2016 (TBD)

Family League of Baltimore City's Parent and Youth Empowerment

Pressley Ridge's Juvenile Diversion Program

November 2016 (TBD)

Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County's School Restorative Justice Program

January 2017 (TBD)

Conflict Resolution Center of Baltimore County's Restorative Justice School Pilot and Community Conferencing

February 2017 (TBD)

Dorchester County's Teen Court

University of Baltimore's Truancy Court

The subcommittee also recommended inviting the following sub-recipients to present at a full SAG meeting:

Charles Co. Center for Children for the Problematic Sexual Behavior Treatment Program. The program is in Year 2 of implementation.

Wicomico Co. DMC Coordination program

b. Youth Engagement

Zachary Caplan welcomed the SAG's newest youth member, Donald Foley. The youth subcommittee is looking forward to resuming focus groups in partnership

with the grant monitoring subcommittee. Mr. Caplan also announced that the youth engagement subcommittee will be focused on developing a forum for the youth members to inform the grant making and legislative process in the future. Maintaining youth members continues to be a barrier and members were encouraged to assist with recruitment efforts.

c. Disproportionate Minority Contact

The subcommittee met last week and heard a presentation from the Baltimore County Police Department on the Juvenile Offenders in Need of Supervision (JOINS) program. For more information about the program, members are encouraged to contact the JOINS program at 410-887-3273.

The subcommittee also received a presentation from Misty Fae, Executive Director of the Conflict Resolution Center in Baltimore County on the school-based restorative justice program, a pilot that the Council is currently funding. The program received overwhelming interest and three of the 12 schools that applied were ultimately selected for the pilot (1 elementary, 1 middle school, and 1 high school). The subcommittee will remain in close contact with Ms. Fae to monitor the program's effectiveness.

The subcommittee is also working to develop a strategy to incorporate the local DMC Coordinators into the state's overall DMC reduction plan.

d. Recruitment, Training, and Regionalization

Ms. Wheeler announced that three members have been appointed to the Council (Rob Johnson, Darren Stephenson, and Donald Foley). Additionally, three members have been re-appointed (Michelle Becote-Jackson, Bruce Edwards, and Musa Hammett). Mr. Rivlin and Captain Warner interviewed and approved one candidate and the appointment is pending. The following recruitments are still open:

- Two youth involved with DJS (past or current involvement).
- Representative of private, non-profit organization in area of delinquency prevention and treatment.
- Representative of private, non-profit organization concerned with education.

There will be a training for new members on October 7th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at GOCCP. All members are welcome to attend.

IV. Juvenile Justice Specialist Updates

a. OJJDP Proposed Regulations

Ms. Wheeler provided members with a summary of the proposed regulations. The public comment period is open until October 7th and stakeholders are encouraged to comment. Mr. Harper provided members with an overview of the impact of the proposed regulations from a compliance monitoring standpoint. Members agreed to submit a public response to the regulations separate from GOCCP's comments and Ms. Wheeler will arrange for a conference call to discuss the SAG's response.

b. Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Marie Williams, Executive Director of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ), joined the meeting by phone to provide members with an update on the Disproportionate Minority Contact conference in December. Ms. Williams explained that CJJ has recently separated from its fiscal agent, the National Juvenile Justice Network (NJJN), which has financially impacted the organization. As such, approximately 65% of staff were laid off in the summer. In lieu of the projected staffing shortage, the Coalition has hired a conference planner who will handle the logistical details prior to and during the event. Additional funds have also been secured from foundations to support the conference and the organization as a whole. The next phase will be to promote registration. To date, 80 people have registered. The target is 150-200. SAG members were asked to assist with promotion and CJJ intends to have the marketing email and finalized agenda by Wednesday, September 14. CJJ will continue to keep Ms. Wheeler and the SAG members updated.

Ms. Williams also provided members with an update on the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Re-authorization. On Friday, September 9, 2016, a bill (H. 5963) to re-authorize the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act was introduced to the U.S. House of Representatives. Ms. Williams stated that one of the primary changes in the House version versus the Senate bill (S.1169) is that it does not provide a limit on the number of times that a state can request a hardship extension on Valid Court Order detentions. CJJ is supportive of the bill and it has bi-partisan support in the House. The Campaign for Youth Justice has developed a letter in support of the bill and is asking for stakeholders to sign on to the letter in support. Ms. Wheeler will provide members with the letter and determine, via e-vote, if the SAG will sign on to the letter.

V. Adjournment

Ms. Davis made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

November 7, 2016

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MD Judiciary Training Center

Lower Level Rooms 11&12

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401